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Musicians make delicious dish

Tracey Green, centre, of Fifth Business belts out Let's Start a Band at the fourth annual Homemade Stew concert on Jan. 28 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. The concert was put on by the Haliburton County Folk Society and featured local musicians.

/ANGELICA INGRAM Staff

Council votes to support shelter

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Minden Hills township will donate \$5,000 to the Peterborough Haliburton YWCA to assist with the continued operation of the emergency shelter in Minden, allotting \$2,500 in the 2017 budget and \$2,500 next year.

Jennifer Cureton, director of philanthropy and communications for the local YWCA, made a presentation to councillors at their Jan. 26 meeting, requesting a one-time donation of \$5,000.

"I want to talk to you today about the life-saving services we provide in Haliburton County," Cureton said.

The YWCA operates an emergency shelter in Minden for women and children who are victims of domestic abuse. In addition to the shelter, the YWCA provides a 24-hour emergency hotline, counselling and other services.

The YWCA has operated in Haliburton County for the past 30 years and according to Cureton, last year provided 671 outreach counsel sessions for women in the county and received 1,209 crisis calls from county women.

"We have a lot of families in poverty," she said of the county. "We see a lot of isolation and lack of transportation. There are a lot of hidden homeless here in Haliburton County."

Ombudsman won't act on OPP billing

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Ontario's ombudsman won't take any action on a complaint from Haliburton County regarding the OPP billing formula.

In May, county council sent a letter to the office of the Ombudsman of Ontario, lodging a complaint with what is says is a flawed billing framework that unfairly impacts communities with seasonal populations.

Coming into effect in 2015, the formula, phased in during a five-year period, redistributed OPP costs on a per-household basis throughout the province. Under the formula, seasonal residences are weighted equally with year-round ones, which the county government has contended repeatedly is unfair and a central flaw of the formula.

It means that cottage communities like the townships of Haliburton County are hard-

est hit. The county's collective OPP bill will double from about \$3 million to about \$6 million during the phase-in.

"At the root of our concern with the new formula is the fact that base costs are allocated on a 'per household' basis that includes residential units, farmlands on which a farm residence exists, and seasonal dwelling units," the county's submission read. "In addition, the formula takes into account fully occupied commercial and industrial business properties. We believe the calculation of households is systemically unfair for a number of reasons."

Councillors received the ombudsman's response during a Jan. 25 meeting. It was not the response they had been hoping for.

"Our review indicates that in revising the OPP billing formula, the ministry was acting on recommendations from the auditor general to remedy inequities in the previous billing

structure," read correspondence signed by deputy Ombudsman of Ontario Barb Finlay. "The ministry and the OPP engaged in extensive stakeholder consultation, in which the county participated, before arriving at the final billing model."

"The ministry provided explanations for why the formula is weighted more heavily in favour of base charges and why base charges are charged per household. The ministry's decision to include seasonal properties in the base charge calculations was supported by the AMO [Association of Municipalities of Ontario]'s OPP billing steering committee."

"While I understand that you disagree with the new billing structure, the specific approach the ministry takes regarding the billing formula for policing services delivered to municipalities is within its jurisdiction."

But Haliburton County did not participate in

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Carolyn Plummer, CEO of Haliburton Highlands Health Services, thanks Central East LHIN representatives for a cash infusion to base funding for HHHS on Jan. 26 at the Haliburton hospital. /JENN WATT Staff



HHHS gets funding boost

by JENN WATT
Editor

Local health care representatives, politicians and community members came to the Haliburton hospital on Thursday, Jan. 26 to hear about a funding announcement from the Central East Local Health Integration Network.

CE LHIN board member Marg Risk told the assembled group that \$2,663,920 was being invested into health services in Haliburton County and the City of Kawartha Lakes.

"The LHIN's ability to provide financial support for initiatives that are supporting local residents to live healthier at home is directly attributable to the government of Ontario," Risk said in her speech. The money is "to support improved access to care and to help reduce wait times and support increased access to services that patients and families rely on," she said.

Broken down between health-care facilities, this announcement means \$88,400 for Haliburton Highlands Health Services "to support population growth and changing health-care needs" (with CKL's Ross Memorial Hospital receiving \$938,200). This increase is to the hospitals' base funding.

HHHS will also receive \$125,000 to meet specific emergency department wait-time reduction targets (CKL's Ross Memorial will receive \$1.04 million). This money is from the "pay for results" program.

There were also community investments. HHHS will receive \$34,862 and Canadian Mental Health Association \$79,721 for supporting "integrated systems of care" and improving access for patients; \$7,317 for assisted living; and Extendicare Haliburton will receive \$26,325 for behavioural supports initiatives, which provides training to staff.

"We're in the midst of evolving as a rural health hub and these funds will help to ensure a strong and sustainable foundation is in place for us to continue working collaboratively with our community partners to improve access to critical health services," said HHHS CEO Carolyn Plummer, "to enhance the provision of existing services so they are provided in a more seamless way and to ensure that we're able to continue to provide the best possible high quality service and care to our patients and our residents and our clients for years to come."

MPP Laurie Scott said she was happy to see the extra dollars coming to HHHS and Ross Memorial Hospital.

"We have all been fighting for increased health care and especially up in Haliburton Highlands we have certainly some different needs.

"Geography is not our best friend at times and the access to front line health care is very, very important," she said.

She thanked nurses and the HHHS Foundation for their work and the LHIN.

"I'm always a very strong advocate for health care, especially in our rural areas, so I want to thank the LHIN for listening to us, for recognizing the needs we have. And we're not done yet, but we really appreciate the funding announcement."

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey thanked Risk for the announcement, noting that beds in acute care were being taken up by potential long-term care patients.

He hoped that increased funding would mean more people could stay in their homes longer, rather than coming to the hospital.

The increased dollars reflect an announcement from the province that public hospitals receive at least a two per cent increase to base funding this year.

Downloading started in Harris years, YWCA tells council

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Cureton said some women stay with abusers, exchanging sex for food and shelter.

The YWCA was forced to close its emergency shelter in Minden for five months last year due to lack of resources.

"It was the first time we had to do that and we hope we never have to do it again," Cureton said.

The YWCA receives 61 per cent of its operating costs from the government, fundraising much of the rest. Cureton said the money that is spent in Haliburton County is raised mostly in Peterborough and then transferred to county operations.

The organization is attempting to raise funds so it can continue to provide the service, with a goal of \$120,000 for a two-year project that would include the continuation of operations as well as a study on providing services in a rural area.

It has so far raised \$90,000 and is requesting donations from municipal governments within its service area.

"This is not an annual request," Cureton stressed. "This is a special, one-time request."

"I was disturbed to know that the local shelter was closed for five months," Devolin said, adding he'd wished the YWCA had made this known to local governments much sooner.

Devolin said what was happening was a result of funding cuts by the provincial government.

"We're seeing across the board funding reductions," he said. "It's death by 1,000 cuts. It's the beginning of an offloading of provincial responsibilities to local municipalities."

Devolin told Cureton he thought she'd be the first in an avalanche of organization representatives coming to council seeking funding to make up for reductions in provincial funding.

"I'm glad to hear what you're asking is a one-time thing," he said.

Cureton responded by saying the Peterborough Haliburton YWCA had experienced large cuts in its funding during the years of the Mike Harris government, funding that had remained frozen.

"This is not a new trend," Cureton said. "It's a trend that's been going on for a very long time."

Sayne thanked Cureton for her presentation, saying, "we don't often hear the isolated incidents that take place in our community. The YWCA has been a resource in more ways than one."

Sayne encouraged council to support the request.

"I would like to see us include this as soon as possible in our budget," she said. Sayne said she thought that because Minden Hills and Dysart et al have larger populations than the county's other lower-tier townships, that should be taken into consideration. She began to talk about lack of transportation in the county.

"This isn't a five-minute monologue," Devolin interrupted.

After Sayne paused, he said, "just be careful what you say."

"I guess I've been told," Sayne said.

Council also resolved to sign a letter expressing the importance of the YWCA.

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Fearrey disappointed in AMO

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stakeholder consultations.

"This all began with some very peculiar letters from the mayors' coalition," said Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt, referring to a group of mayors who felt their communities were paying too much for policing and, in 2012, formed a group advocating for changes.

That group, which called itself the Mayors' Coalition for Affordable, Sustainable and Accountable Policing (ASAP), included the mayors of Tillsonburg, Cochrane, Penetanguishene, Norfolk and Parry Sound.

A 2013 correspondence from the mayors' coalition listed 150 municipalities it said supported its goals. Among those 150 were listed Haliburton County and its four lower-tier townships.

"And that was absolutely untrue," said Moffatt, emphasizing local politicians were never consulted. "To me, that was a misrepresentation of support to AMO. That's the elephant in the room that's never been addressed."

Dysart et al Reeve Murray said he didn't blame the ombudsman's office for its ruling, but did take issue with AMO, which he stressed is supposed to represent the interests of all Ontario municipalities.

"In this case, they represented the cities and threw the rural communities with cottagers under the bus," Fearrey said. "I still don't want to let AMO off the hook, here. I don't know if they put up a fight for us at all."

Minden Hills Reeve and County Warden Brent Devolin said council would continue to seek a solution to escalating police costs.

"Obviously, we haven't given up on this," Devolin said. "This is a door we thought we'd try."

Minden Pride party to grow this year

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

Building on the success of last year's Pride Picnic, a group of Mindenites are planning an even bigger party for this summer.

While last year's picnic was held on July 2 and attracted about 50 people to the lawn at the Wild Swan B&B, this year's celebration of the LGBTQ community, which will be called Minden Pride and take place in August, is poised to be much larger in scope and encapsulate more of the downtown.

Members of the organizing committee paid a visit to Minden Hills councillors during their Jan. 25 meeting.

"I'm a proud Mindenite, I'm a proud gay person, I'm a proud Christian and I think that builds into being a proud citizen of Canada," organizing committee member and downtown business owner Sinclair Russell told councillors. "We're not only trying to celebrate, we're trying to educate and build community spirit."

The group is organizing a series of events between Aug. 21 and 27 that will be part of Minden Pride. A number of local businesses, churches and other organizations are already on board.

Musical entertainment, a tea dance, a church service and a river float parade are just some of the events the committee is planning.

"We are not asking you guys for any money, we are just

asking for your support," Russell told councillors.

From the township, the committee is looking for the rainbow flag to again be raised outside the Minden Hills office (it flew outside the Milne Street building for the first time last year), use of township property, assistance from the community services department, access to Rotary Park, a possible partial road closure and an online listing of Pride Minden events.

"We want to do lots of water activities, maybe even games," Russell said, adding the committee would also like to transform the Loggers' Crossing foot bridge into a giant rainbow for the occasion.

"Come and join us, wave your flag and show your pride."

Minden Hills council says no to ranked ballot elections

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

Minden Hills council will not adopt a ranked ballot system for the 2018 municipal election, sticking with the traditional first-past-the-post system.

Councillors reviewed a report on ranked ballots during their Jan. 26 meeting. Last year, the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing granted municipalities the option of using the ranked ballot system starting with the 2018 municipal elections, if they so choose.

In the ranked ballot system, voters rank their preferred candidates in order on ballots. If a candidate receives the majority of the votes, that candidate wins. If no candidate receives more than 50 per cent of the votes, then the candidate with

the fewest votes is eliminated and the votes are redistributed accordingly. This process repeats until one candidate accrues the majority of votes.

A report from the township clerk Dawn Newhook explained that adopting the ranked ballot system would require holding a public meeting, which must be advertised a minimum of 30 days before the meeting is held.

It would also require a bylaw be passed by May 1 of this year, as well as redesigned ballots, updated technology and upgraded ballot counting equipment.

A survey the Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario showed that 47 per cent of clerks surveyed definitely would not recommend ranked ballots for their municipal governments. Twenty-nine per cent they would probably not recommend the adoption of the system; 21 per cent said they were not sure; three per cent said they

probably would recommend the adoption of ranked ballots and one per cent of clerks surveyed said they would definitely be recommending the adoption of the system.

Given the complicating factors and tight timeline, it was Newhook's recommendation that Minden Hills council not adopt ranked ballots, a recommendation with which council agreed.

Reeve Brent Devolin said he had nothing against the ranked ballot system in principle and that while it might make sense in larger municipalities that see several candidates in each ward, in smaller municipalities, it doesn't seem to make as much sense.

Devolin added that it might be interesting to look back at the results of past Minden Hills elections to see if a ranked system would have altered the outcome at all.

County folds doc recruitment committee

Haliburton County is folding the Haliburton Highlands Health Professionals Recruitment and Retention Committee, replacing it with a committee with a new function.

County councillors made that decision during a Jan. 25 meeting.

Members of council met with doctors from the Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team in October to discuss the role of the committee, which has existed for several years.

"It really became clear in those conversations that the doctors felt the success they've had has come from the resident and locum programs," county chief administrative officer Mike Rutter said during Wednesday's meeting, adding the doctors felt the committee should serve more of a support role, helping to introduce visiting medical students and doctors to the community, in hopes of them staying permanently.

"It's such a dramatically different role that had been envisioned in the past," Rutter said.

It was his recommendation that since the role of the county committee would no longer be directly in recruitment, that the committee fold and terms of reference be drawn up for a new committee.

"I had used the term 'party planners,' which is a very loose term," said Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt. "That's what this group is meant to be."

The family health team will continue with doctor recruitment. With some retirements on the horizon, it's expected that four to five new physicians will be required in the community in the next few years.

Haliburton Highlands Health Services, which operates the hospitals in Minden and Haliburton, is now also involved directly in doctor recruitment, seeking physicians for its emergency rooms.

The county will continue to provide funding for financial incentives for physicians who agree to practise in the area for a term of four years.

Rutter is recommending \$100,000 be budgeted for that purpose in 2017, that amount increasing to \$125,000 for 2018 and succeeding years.

- Chad Ingram



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A clever mind leads to a good life: centenarian

by **JENN WATT**
Editor

Valerie Clark answers her door wearing a green skirt and jacket, stockings and black dress shoes. She looks like she's ready to go to a formal dinner or perhaps to the office for a day's work; instead, she's entertaining a reporter who has come to interview her about her recent 100th birthday.

When she first moved to Minden at age 90, Clark soon learned that there was no dress shop in the village, as fellow residents would stop her on Bobcaygeon Road to ask her where she got her outfits.

"The first two or three years I was made up like I had just come from somewhere. I'd wear suits and that kind of thing ... and everybody notices," she says, sitting on the couch in her front room, surrounded by photographs and two special certificates. One is from Elizabeth Dowdeswell, lieutenant governor of Ontario, the other from Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, congratulating her on her major milestone.

Clark was born on Jan. 2, 1917, as Valerie Stidolph in London, Ont. Her father was a soldier, Stanley Stidolph, who died in the First World War and her mother was Vera, a performer and intelligent woman, whom Clark greatly admires.

"I had this clever mother and she is a story in herself," she says. Vera was a Secord – of Laura Secord lineage – and was part of a live theatre group that travelled to Minden in the 1920s. When Clark first moved to the village, the *Times* wrote a story about her first visit – to what she suspects was the Dominion Hotel at age four.

Although Clark had her first Minden experience as a youngster, she ended up moving to the area at the urging of her son, Alan Clark, whom many will know from his participation in the Haliburton County Senior Winter Games; and daughter-in-law Marci Mandel, a local writer and musician.

"We found her mom's diary for 1921 and it shows that her mother performed in Minden on Feb. 23 of that year," Alan wrote to the paper. "Mom would have just turned four so she was probably with her [mother]... Vera performed until Mom was in her teens so she lived with relatives while her mom was on the road. 'Talkies' pretty much killed these live theatre troupes in late '20s. Mom learned piano and taught dancing."

As a child, Valerie Stidolph had plenty of adventures in an Ontario that many of us wouldn't recognize today. She remembers travelling to Toronto when she was eight years old with her uncle and young cousin.

She describes the city as being "tiny" at the time. They decided they might check out Casa Loma. "It was deserted at that time. There was no flower beds. There were weeds all over," she says.

Her uncle was tall and slim and he managed to squeeze himself through a window into the basement.

"There was no hydro, there was water in the basement ... he got up onto the first floor and he opened one of the windows and here I am and my cousin that's four years old and we're walking around the downstairs of Loma Castle."

The wealthy financier who had built the lavish home in downtown Toronto completed it in 1914. He was unable to pay property taxes and by 1923 abandoned it. Today, it is a landmark and a museum open to the public.

Clark wonders to herself some 92 years later whether she was breaking the law back then touring the abandoned property. "I guess they wouldn't put me in jail [now]," she smiles.

Valerie Stidolph married Keith Clark and together they



On Jan. 2, Valerie Clark turned 100 years old. The Minden resident was born in London, Ont., and has seen many changes throughout that time. Her father died in the First World War, while her mother was a performer. Clark's first visit to Minden was when she was four, accompanying her mother during a tour. **JENN WATT Staff**

raised three children: Robert, Noel and Alan. They had a happy, middle class existence. Later in life, Clark entered the workforce, but when she was raising her children, she stayed at home. It's a path she would recommend even today.

After high school graduation "you got married and were a housewife and I thought it was a lovely life," she says, "Linen tablecloths and you were all dressed up when you went to [a friend's] house for a party or tea. The ladies were educated, but when you get married you were a housewife and then you did charity work."

When the Great Depression descended on Canada, Keith was fortunate to have found work at a hosiery, but not all were that lucky.

"When that crash came [in 1929] there was absolutely no work. People were lined up, starving, they'd knock on your door at night and ask you if you had anything they could eat," she recalls. "It was just absolutely horrible."

"Some people committed suicide right off the bat. Oh, it was awful. Keith was thought of so much that this man who was a private owner of a hosiery said to Keith you can come

and learn the trade while this problem is on and then you can go back into the world and see what's coming up."

When the man retired, Keith Clark moved to Ottawa to run a hosiery mill there, relocating the family. And it was in Ottawa that Valerie started on her own career path. At 40, she met a woman who noticed all of the charity work Clark had done. She asked if she'd ever thought of working for her own benefit.

"She said, there's this nice china shop in Ottawa ... why don't you come for a couple of days and see how you like it? Well, I loved it. It was all the best china and crystal," Clark says. She went from the china shop to working at Holt Renfrew, where she distinguished herself as a savvy saleswoman.

Of her longevity, Clark has a few theories: "The thing is, I've never had a drink of wine. Never. I have a very small appetite. I keep thin. And I think because I study all the time ... it keeps your mind active. If you haven't got a mind you can't do much," she says.

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Reshaping warden's role

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

County councillors briefly discussed making changes to the role of county warden during a Jan. 25 meeting and will have a more in-depth conversation on the subject in March.

As she chaired her final meeting as warden for 2016 in November, Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt tabled a report suggesting that during the final two years of the current term, council at least have a conversation about potential changes to the framework of council itself, in particular the role of warden.

County council consists of the reeve and deputy-reeve of each of the four lower-tier townships of Haliburton County. Council decides who will be warden – the head of county council – from among its own membership each year and traditionally, there has been some rotation between the four lower-tier townships.

Since the job of county warden is, more and more, to liaise with other levels of government, Moffatt asked colleagues to consider a number of suggested changes to the position.

One was the addition of a ninth position on county council, that being a warden, who is elected by the public and who serves for a full, four-year term and whose concentration is on representing the county outside the community and dealing with other levels of government.

Another suggestion was lengthening the warden's term to

two years to achieve more consistency in dealing with projects and external representation, and giving council the ability to extend that two-year term.

"To me, this is the beginning of a discussion of what's legally required," said Minden Hills Reeve and 2017 County Warden Brent Devolin during last week's meeting, agreeing with Moffatt that the role of warden is increasingly about being an advocate for the community outside the community, "The time, the research, the information and the travel that's required to have an oar in the water."

"I don't think we need to have anymore that the warden can distribute lapel pins at his or her discretion," Moffatt said of the changing role. "It's about the bigger picture. I don't see this as being a conversation concluded today at all."

Devolin wondered if it made more sense for a small sub-committee of council, perhaps three councillors, to draw up a report on options, that report to then be discussed by county council at large.

"I believe that we all need to talk about it," said Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen.

Moffatt said that with all due respect, councillors who hadn't sat in the warden's chair didn't have a full understanding of what the job entails.

"It's still a democracy," said Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey. "In 2018, you could have seven new people here."

The idea of having a deputy-warden to take of some of the more local duties of the warden was also mentioned. Council will revisit the subject at its March meeting.

Jones no longer with county

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Haliburton County EMS director and paramedic chief Craig Jones is no longer with the municipality.

County chief administrative officer Mike Rutter told the paper Jones's last day with the county was Jan. 9 and would not comment on the nature of Jones's departure.

"I really can't comment on HR issues," Rutter said.

Rutter was asked whether Jones had a new position somewhere else.

"I don't know," he said.

The county will likely begin a recruitment process for a replacement within the next week, Rutter said, a process that will likely take two to three months to complete.

In the meantime, paramedic deputy-chief Jim Young is taking on most of the chief's role. Rutter said a number of staff members are helping chip in.

Jones was hired in early 2014, replacing longtime EMS director Pat Kennedy.

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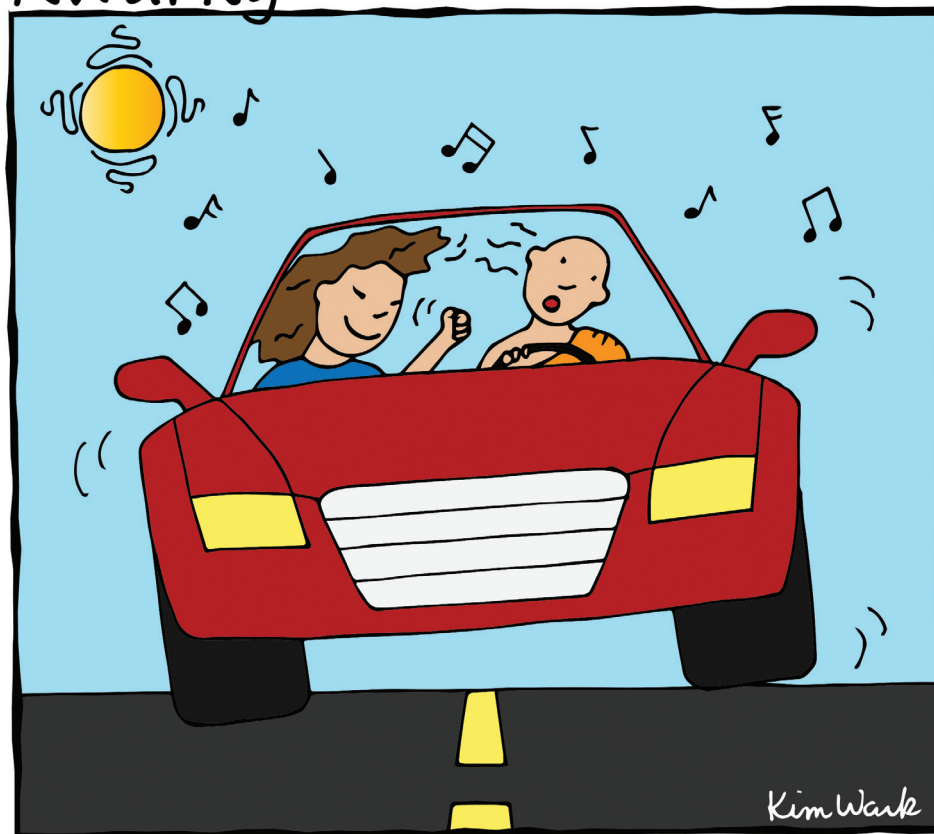
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*"This IS better than meditation."***Saving the shelter**

MINDEN HILLS council made the right call last week by making a \$5,000 donation to the Peterborough Haliburton YWCA in order to help the women's shelter in Minden continue to operate.

Well, council agreed to contribute \$2,500 from the 2017 budget and \$2,500 from the 2018 budget.

The YWCA needs to raise \$120,000 during the next year to continue to operate the shelter for the next two years and last week had reached some \$90,000 of that goal.

The shelter was closed for five months last year, from November of 2015 until spring of 2016, due to a lack of resources.

The importance of the shelter, deemed HERS (Haliburton Emergency Rural SafeSpace), cannot be overstated. Having existed for the past two decades, it's a safe haven for women and children in the county who are suffering domestic abuse.

And the stats on domestic abuse in Haliburton County are staggering and scary.

Last year, the YWCA received more than 1,200 crisis calls from women in Haliburton County. That's more than three a day on average.

Really let that sink in for a second.

Women in the county are especially at risk because many homes are in isolated, rural locations and the community has no public transportation.

Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin said last week he expected the YWCA rep to be the first in an avalanche of people coming before council requesting municipal funding because of across-the-board funding decreases from the province.

While it's true that there has been ongoing downloading of responsibilities from the provincial to municipal level in Ontario since the Harris government in the 1990s, in this case, that's off the mark.

As was reported in the *Times* in December, the YWCA's closure of the shelter last year was not due to any new funding decrease – it did experience a massive cut during the Harris years, following which its funding was frozen – but due to increased usage.

The shelter was used so much in 2015 that the YWCA burned through its allotted resources much quicker than usual.

That fact is also staggering and scary.

Local municipalities – the YWCA will be making the same request of all of them – should be willing to deliver on funding, and not just this time around, if so required.

We're talking about a service that is not only life-saving for victims of domestic abuse, but is paid for by residents of other communities.

The Peterborough Haliburton YWCA receives about 60 per cent of its funding from upper levels of government, fundraising most of the remainder. Most of those funds are raised in Peterborough and then transferred to operations in Haliburton County.

There are women in this community who desperately require this service and this community should be willing to at least help pay for it.

If Minden Hills council can find money for stray cats or if it can find \$10,000 to take 20 boats out of Big Bob Lake, then surely, when needed, it can find a few thousand dollars to help keep the women's shelter operational.

**CHAD INGRAM**
Reporter**Onion power**

AS I WRITE THIS, President Donald J. Trump has 23.1 million followers on Twitter. This is something that he is very proud of. Then again, he's also proud of his hair – and the very fact that no one has set him straight on this is further proof that there is still a whole lot of tolerance left in America.

I'm no fan of The Donald but even I think his Twitter numbers are impressive – and, if you don't believe me, President Trump will tell you the very same thing.

He draws the line, however, at saying that Obama's 83 million Twitter followers are even more impressive – I suspect, that would cause his ego to implode.

All this is why I am greatly interested in the latest rising star that is making an effort to show up Trump on Twitter.

I'm speaking of course about Half an Onion.

If you have been paying attention on Twitter you know who, or more precisely what, I am talking about.

Half an Onion's Twitter account, which I follow, opened in January 2017 and already has 759,000 Twitter followers at press time – which it claims is at least as huge as Trump's following if you convert it into Trump numbers.

Trump has been on Twitter since 2009, by the way.

The proper name of the account is "Half an Onion in a plastic bag." According to its profile, it resides on an undisclosed kitchen counter – and yet it's still gaining ground on President Trump's Twitter account.

Maybe we should examine why.

I think the first thing Half an Onion has going for it is that it does not tweet crazy claims or insult people or organizations at 3 a.m. – or ever, for that matter. Nor does it seem angry or defensive all the time. And, at no point has

it ever spoken about itself in the third person or told everyone that it is "a very, very smart onion."

Half an Onion also has a whole lot more layers than Trump does and – as most of its followers have pointed out – a thicker skin too.

Also, when Half an Onion tweets, he or she remains humble. For instance, "I'm no hero. Just something you put in a hero sandwich..."

Having said that, there are also similarities with Trump. For instance, Half an Onion is also currently working on a book entitled "The Art of the Meal" – and, from what I can gather, also employing a ghost writer.

Half an Onion's motto is "Make America Grate Again" and, interestingly, the Russians decided not to hack his or her emails. Most tellingly, Half an Onion has also refused to show its tax returns, claiming that, while not under audit, it is still, literally, half an onion in a plastic bag. Lastly, Half an Onion in-

cites the same reaction as a Trump presidency – in that it can put tears in your eyes.

The thing I like best about Half an Onion is that he or she actually has an international flavour that Trump lacks.

Whether Half an Onion ultimately gets more Twitter followers than Trump remains to be seen. But it is certainly off to a good start – more than three quarters of a million followers in less than a month.

Even if it doesn't go that well for Half an Onion, I think that this might encourage other fruits and vegetables to get their own Twitter accounts.

This is not an affront to Trump, though he is very likely to take it that way, but I much prefer Half an Onion's Twitter page.

To me at least, Half an Onion has far greater, ah...peel.

**STEVE GALEA**
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

It's about the birds

CANADA IS A COUNTRY OF GREAT diversity, so it is odd that we might still want to single out anything as especially special in identifying our nationality.

Yes, we decided long ago that the maple leaf and the beaver are national symbols. But do we really need anything else, like a national bird?

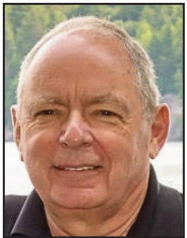
That is the question now facing the federal government, which has been petitioned by the Royal Canadian Geographical Society to officially declare a national bird this year, the 150th anniversary of Confederation.

Two years ago the Society's magazine, *Canadian Geographic*, began a project to select a national bird, inviting Canadians to vote for their favourites. It is not clear how many Canadians participated, however the Society announced in November a decision: the whiskey jack, or gray jay, should be named Canada's official national bird.

The whiskey jack received fewer votes than the loon and the snowy owl. *Geographic*, however, rejected those two because they already are provincial symbols: Ontario (loon), Quebec (snowy owl).

The feds now must decide whether we really need to have a national bird. Or should it forget the idea and get on with important matters such as infrastructure decay, the drug abuse crisis, the collapsing middle class, criminal electricity rates and planning how to deal with the damaging effects of a changing climate.

Only a fool would enter the national bird controversy, which of course does not rule out the politicians jumping in.



JIM POLING SR.

From Shaman's Rock

Firstly, naming national things is passé. That is something countries do when they are trying to define who they are and what they stand for. We know what Canada is and what it stands for and have got along for 150 years without a national bird, and without a national flower, as it happens.

Secondly, getting people to agree on anything these days is like trying to corral chipmunks. Picture the circus in the House of Commons as MPs argue the fine points of declaring the whiskey jack our national bird.

Some MPs would argue that both of the bird's official names – whiskey jack and gray jay – don't even use

Canadian spellings. Gray and whiskey are American spellings. In this country it's whisky and grey.

(Incidentally, whiskey jack is taken from Wiskedjak, one of many spellings of the Algonquian name of the little greyish bird known by aboriginal peoples as a trickster.)

Then, of course, there is the controversy that the whiskey jack is not found in the most populous part of Canada – southern Ontario. The bird's southern range, believe it or not, ends somewhere in the northern part of Haliburton County.

I was thinking about all this the other day while alternately watching the Trumpeter's inauguration on TV and the chickadees at the feeders outside the kitchen window.

(The chickadees were much more interesting!)

Trump delivered a scornful, dystopian speech and boasted how he will fix, immediately, all the screw-ups created by the four ex-presidents seated in the audience behind him.

Meanwhile, the chickadees flitted and twittered, broadcasting a message that despite cool temperatures and a bit of grey sky, the world overall is a pretty great place.

If I was voting for a national bird, or an American president, my choice would be the chickadee. It is a humble little creature that always appears positive and hopeful about its surroundings. Also, although its brain is tiny, it is fully functional.

The Cherokee associated the chickadee with truth and knowledge, traits noticeably missing in the new American president, and an increasing number of other politicians.

At any rate, I am not voting for a national bird. We have more than 400 species of birds in Canada. Each has its own qualities and instead of singling out one as special we should celebrate them all.



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Cure the winter blahs at Minden Hills Cultural Centre

If the drudgery of the winter months is starting to take its toll, remember the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, is open year round. Currently two exhibitions are available: *Eclipsed* and *Elements*. The first involves work from the permanent collection, by André Lapine, and the second juried pieces by local artists.

For the coming months there are inspiring and thought-provoking exhibitions scheduled each month. In June, for example, there will be a double exhibition of work that involves fibre arts. Kate Carder-Thompson and Kimberly Tucker have created a series of work that uses embroidery, felt, textiles and mixed media. The works are both sculptural and painterly. In July, an interactive exhibition, by John Notten, is challenging. Notten explores the concept of the tent; praising its amazing engineering and versatility, from a way to "conquer" nature to absolute necessity for survival by

refugees in tent cities.

In the month of February, the centre will be defying the winter cold with the annual Fire and Ice event. On Feb. 19, join in the adult only fun with specialty drinks, local foods and challenging games. Keep warm by the giant bonfire and dance to rockin' tunes. Some of the specialty drinks include scotch, cognac, craft beer and wine. Scotches being offered are Aberlour A'Bunadh Scotch Whisky, Talisker 10 Years Old Single Malt Scotch Whisky, Auchentoshan Three Wood Lowland Single Malt, Glengoyne 12 Year Old Highland Single Malt Scotch, Tullibardine Sauternes 225 Finish Single Malt. The cognac being offered is Martell Medallion VSOP Cognac. Local restaurants (Dominion, Molly's, Norm's Smokehouse, etc.) will have a selection of tasty food for attendees to try after which they are to vote for their

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Interactive programming comes to Nature's Place

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favourite. Win the “best dressed hoser” prize. This event is held in and out of doors. Tickets are available now or at the door.

Further into the year the Minden Hills Museum and Heritage Village will be opening the Victoria Day weekend. The village will be offering ongoing living history activities from the turn of the century. Many operating artifacts will be available for visitors to try, providing hands-on experiences of everyday tasks. Time period, costumed staff will be on hand to show visitors how early settlers lived. The highlights this year for the museum are two. First, is the exhibition in the Sterling Bank titled *Canada: My Home*. This exhibition is in honour of Canada's 150th Anniversary and reveals the lives of a number of immigrants that arrived in Minden in 1867. The second highlight is a new youth day camp, for July and August, aptly titled 1910 Day Camp where children do “daily chores” while learning the clever ways early settlers managed to live without modern amenities.

April will be Nature's Place official start to its season. The programming continues to promote the unique features of Haliburton County's ecology. Expanding on the num-

ber of interactive, digital programs and activities, visitors can explore the concerns and successes of local groups as they work to conserve this area. Educational information and locally created videos help to inform visitors about the challenges the environment is now facing. A new feature is the interactive Myth Buster Wall that will help dispel and enlighten people by a collective “post-it” option.

A new educational component starting this year as well is the Turtle Tunnel Module, an interactive multi-layered construct that illustrates how the turtle tunnel works. Accurate to the actual tunnel in Gelert, this module is accompanied with important facts and videos about the turtles in Haliburton County and the reasons as to why they are on the endangered species list.

2017 will be dedicated to bees. A concentrated effort will be made to help visitors understand the need to protect bees, as some species have also been added to the endangered species list.

On May 27, mark your calendars, as Nature's Place will be hosting a Giant Green Garage Sale where interested persons can purchase a 10x10 space for \$10 to sell their items. Also on June 3, Nature's Place will be presenting a Green Home Show where one can find all the information about how to make your residence a more efficient, green living

space.

A unique connection between the Minden Hills Museum and Nature's Place will be explored as commonalities and possible solutions are presented — learning from the past to better the future.

Canada Day is always a big event in Minden. This year the centre is thrilled to present David Archibald who will be kicking off the day with Canadian music.

The centre will also continue with its many gardens, including the 1 to 3 Youth Garden. The museum will be harvesting from the gardens this year. Visitors can watch and learn about preserving, drying herbs and creating tasty dishes from fresh produce.

This is just touching on some of the events. There are many more. All events are listed on the website www.mindenhills.ca/cultural-centre with dates and times. Becoming a member is the best way to stay up to date as you will receive quarterly newsletters and weekly eblasts.

If you think it might be great fun (and it is) to volunteer at the centre, please contact Ruth O'Connell at 705-285-3154. The Minden Hills Cultural Centre is located at 176 Bobcaygeon Road in the town of Minden.

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Recreation & Events Assistant

The Minden Hills Community Services Department is currently accepting resumes for one (1) Recreation & Events Assistant position for a six (6) month contract position anticipated to begin June 12, 2017.

This position is responsible for assisting with recreation programming, community events and volunteer engagement for the Township under the supervision of the Director of Community Services.

The position is based on a 24-hour work week, generally being Monday to Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm including some evenings and weekends. The rate of pay is \$11.40/hour, pending 2017 budget and grant funding approval.

Candidates must have a minimum of a grade 12 diploma. First Aid & CPR/AED certification is required. Preference will be given to candidates with a minimum of two (2) years' experience in a recreation setting, including direct programming, as well as a Post-Secondary degree or diploma in Recreation Studies or a related field.

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Detailed Position Descriptions can be obtained from www.mindenhills.ca, or by contacting the Deputy Clerk/Administrative Assistant at 705-286-1260 ext. 313 or by email at sprentice@mindenhills.ca.

Qualified applicants are invited to submit a letter of application together with a detailed resume of education and experience by **12:00 noon, local time, Monday May 1, 2017** to:

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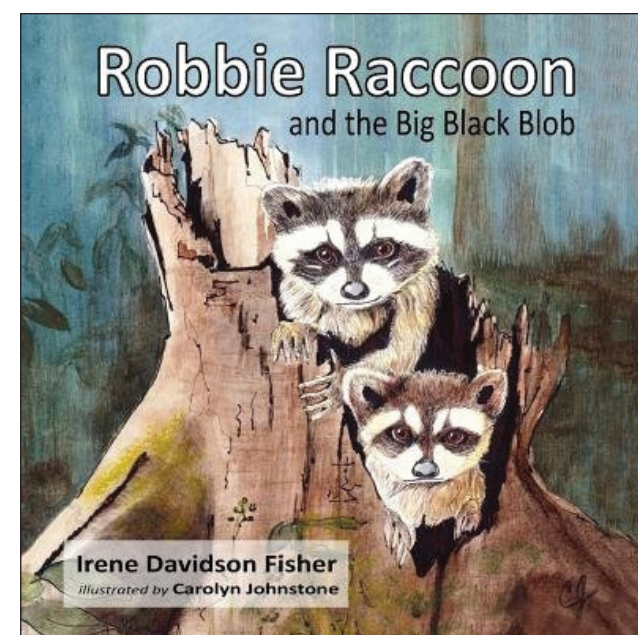
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Robbie Raccoon and the Big Black Blob is the debut children's book by local author Irene Davidson Fisher, it is available to reserve at the Haliburton County Public Library.



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Walker to retire after two decades with HHHS Foundation

by JENN WATT
Editor

Dale Walker had little fundraising experience when she became chairwoman of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation board two decades ago. She'd organized some political and charity dinners, but had never mounted a multi-million-dollar campaign.

But that's what was being asked of the community in order to build two new health-care facilities in Minden and Haliburton and Walker believed in the cause.

"In 1996, when the hospital was looking at expansion, I talked to Foster Loucks, who was the CEO at the time, and I talked to Hugh Nichol, who was involved in it and said I'd like to help in some way," she recalls. "I was just looking for some place in the community as a volunteer. As we got going, I realized it was quite a challenge."

The people of Haliburton County were being asked to raise about \$6 million.

While major funding came from the province and federal government, the community had to commit to what seemed like an overwhelming sum. The HHHSF board members

thought it might take them five years to raise the money. It ended up taking longer, but for the wider community's efforts (and that of then-MPP Chris Hodgson), the two villages have the facilities still in use today.

Since that time, the Foundation has mounted many more campaigns with a total of \$13 million raised over the years.

Last week, after 20 years with the Foundation – 18 of them as executive director – Walker is retiring, or, as she says "rewiring."

"I'm not going anywhere. I'm going to be in the community," Walker says.

She and her husband Jerry own the Home Hardware in Haliburton Village; the business is relocating, which is in the planning stages. Walker says she'll be spending more time on the store and giving herself time to relax with motorcycle trips, time at the cottage and gardening on the horizon.

Her last day at HHHS Foundation will be June 1.

"Dale, over the years, has always displayed the ultimate professionalism in her approach to the Foundation's business and the uncanny ability to deal with each and every potential donor on a very personal one-on-one basis," board chairman Peter Oyler said in a press release.

"It is this approach that has earned her the respect and the trust of the different commercial, industrial and residential sectors of Haliburton County. Dale will definitely be missed and it will be difficult to find an individual with her credentials to fill the position."

Walker credits the Foundation's incredible success over the years to the right people in the right places at the right time, who built up a reputation that the community could trust. The list of those who have been part of the Foundation is long and prestigious.

"The biggest thing for the board members and myself is the trust that the community puts in you to raise money and take their hard-earned money and invest it wisely in the hospital," Walker says.

She may be retiring from the Foundation in June, but Walker is busy right now. Coming off the most successful Christmas campaign of the organization's history (with more than \$100,000 raised), she has shifted her attention to the Cash for Care lottery and planning events such as the golf tournament and radiothon.

HHHSF just announced they've surpassed \$1 million for the palliative care suite and are in the midst of paying for bone densitometry equipment.

Policy on medically assisted death being drafted by HHHS

by JENN WATT
Editor

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board on Jan. 26.

Chief of staff Dr. Kristy Gammon told the board that the medical advisory committee was looking at the issue of medically assisted death, which was made legal last summer by the federal government.

Karl Hartwick has been reviewing ethics guidelines including those of the College of Physicians and Surgeons to assist in drafting a policy for HHHS.

"Moving forward we're going to form a small sub-committee of clinicians who are involved in long-term care, palliative care, primary care to formulate a final policy for our facility to have," Gammon told the board.

She said following a survey, they found there is support for local physicians being "assessors" in the process, however, HHHS would not be providing this service in the near future.

Gammon pointed out that there may be patients who ask for assisted death at home or in the long-term care homes and that HHHS should have a policy in place.

HHHS still in the black

Finance committee representative David Gray told the board that he anticipates the third quarter financials will continue to remain "in positive territory."

At the last board meeting, he said there was a small surplus of just more than \$26,000 from the first half of the fiscal year.

He said sick time, staffing and utilities continue to be pressures for the corporation.

Chairman Dave Bonham said the news wasn't just good – it was great – and thanked Gray and the HHHS staff for their work.

Physicians support midwives

Following a presentation by local midwife Rebecca Weeks, the physicians at the medical advisory committee decided to draft a letter supporting Weeks's request for courtesy privileges.

Weeks had been speaking to the doctors specifically about Rhogam, an injection given to pregnant women during pregnancy or postpartum.

"The physicians felt strongly that we supported the midwives having courtesy privileges at our facility which would basically allow them to order that simple procedure for their patients preventing them travelling hours during pregnancy or with their babies," Dr. Kristy Gammon said. The letter will be given to the midwives to forward to the Central East Local Health Integration Network.

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Ice racing returns to Minden fairgrounds

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A player from the Born Again Beauties (in red) reaches for the puck in a match against the team known as Cell Block B. The women's teams, which hail from Oshawa and Hamilton, met on the ice at the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff



The Sturdy Wings (team in black) take on Book Hockey at the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships on Jan. 28, at Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre. Sturdy Wings won by a final score of 23-15. Both teams were from Toronto, and were participating in the event which spans two weekends.



Many volunteers helped out this past weekend.



Champs

The Minden Curling Club would like to congratulate the Thurston Rink from the Dundas Curling Club on their recent winning of the Jug City Mixed Bonspiel. From left is Rick Thurston (skip), Chris Sabourin (vice), Rick Sabourin (second) and Wendy Coulson (lead). The club would also like to thank Coneybeare's Butcher Shop and Bill Kulas (Realtor) for their sponsorship as well as Norma and Mike Clewlow for their organizational efforts. Submitted by Doug Hall



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MINOR HOCKEY

Bantam girls face two tough opponents

On Saturday afternoon the Parkview Dental/Canadian Tire Jets travelled to Keene to take on the first place Otonabee Wolverines.

Early into the first period, Hannah McMann scored a beautiful five hole goal and was assisted by Kendra Bandy.

Both teams played hard and battled back and forth during the second period which ended with no goals scored for either team.

The third saw similar play as in the second period, with both teams determined and applying pressure. The Wolverines evened the score and then added a second goal on a power play. The Jets pulled their goalie in an effort to score and unfortunately the Wolverines secured the win with a final goal at eight seconds. Good effort for the Jets and Courtney Semach who minded the net resulting in a score of 3-1 in favour of the Wolverines.

Sunday morning saw the Jets hit the road again, this time to Oakwood to face their opponents the Lyndsay Lynx.

Again, the Jets skated and played hard throughout the game, ending in a tie 1-1.

Olivia Martin scored the lone goal for the team. Semach played a strong and consistent game between the pipes.

The team will be hitting the ice to practice for the upcoming playoff/playdown games. The first playdown game will be Feb. 5, in Peterborough against the Ice Kats.

Submitted by Linda Goulet

Tykes play busy tourney

On Saturday, Jan. 28 the tyke team split themselves into two teams of seven and played in a three-on-three tournament in Parry Sound. Playing six games each in such a short time-frame allowed every player to demonstrate their spectacular stamina. Each team had five wins and one loss at the end of the tournament. Goaltending was shared among Taylor Mullock, Evan Perrot, Vanek Logan and Leighton Nesbitt. Every member on the team contributed 100 per cent of their effort and we couldn't be more proud. They each came out as winners of the tournament in the A division and had to play each other for the finals. The finals consisted of a tie and left each team a winner for the Highland Storm. Awesome day, tykes!

Make sure to come out next Sunday, Feb. 5 for the tyke game in Haliburton at 10 a.m. Go, Storm, go!

Submitted by Tamara Bain

Novies strong against Stars

On Saturday, Jan. 28, the Haliburton Timber Mart/Canadian Tire Highland Storm novice team rolled into Newcastle to take on the Stars in Game 3 of the playoffs. The Storm scored in the first minute of the first period, setting the tone for what was to come. By the end of the first period the Storm were on top 4-0 due to excellent passing, skating and offensive pressure. The Stars came back with two goals of their own in the second but the Storm answered with another of their own. The Storm played

an excellent defensive third period with strong checking, solid positional play and superb goaltending sealing the deal and earning the Storm a 5-2 road victory. Way to go, team, on a great game!

On Sunday, the Haliburton Timber Mart/Canadian Tire Highland Storm novice team hosted the Newcastle Stars for Game 4 of playoff action at the A.J. LaRue Community Centre. The Storm were looking to end the series with a win on home ice. From the opening puck drop the Storm were relentless in their offensive pressure and attack, scoring first and often. Excellent defensive pressure minimized the scoring opportunities of the Stars and led to more turnovers for the Storm. The final tally was 10-1 for the Storm, sending them on to round two of the playoffs. A strong offensive performance by McLean Rowden helped the Storm seal the deal. Way to go, Storm, on advancing to the next round. Another great team performance with all players contributing to the weekend success. The Haliburton Timber Mart/Canadian Tire Highland Storm Novice team will face the Sturgeon Thunder in round two with dates and times to be announced.

Submitted by Janice Scheffee

Atoms advance in playoffs

On Jan. 27 The Cottage Country Building Supplies/Ridgewood Ford Highland Storm atoms hosted the Durham Crusaders for the first playoff game. The first period was fast with both teams playing hard. The Crusaders scored the first goal halfway through the period but the Storm came back with Kadin Card scoring a goal at the front of the net and then he scored a stellar breakaway goal and the game was 2-1. The second period was quiet until with two minutes left Austin Boylan scored his first goal. The game was 3-1 going into the third. It started with a hat trick goal by Kadin Card, followed by a second goal by Austin Boylan. The Crusaders got their second goal right after. Next Logan Tripp took a slap shot and Aiden Perrott tipped it in for a goal. Next Austin Boylan scored two back to back making four goals for the game and the score is 8-2. But then things started to fall apart and the Crusaders scored four goals in four minutes and the score was 8-6. Aiden Perrott got an empty net goal and the final score was 9-6. Shout out to Taylor Consack on his excellent goaltending.

On Jan. 28 The Cottage Country Building Supplies/Ridgewood Ford Highland Storm atoms travelled to Whitby for the second playoff game versus the Durham Crusaders. The first period started off slow but with 25 seconds left Austin Boylan scored the first goal of the game. The second period start with Aiden Perrott dangling the puck past the goalie making it a 2-0. Followed by a wrap around goal by Addison Carr. And with only one second left in the period Austin Boylan scored his second goal and the score was 4-0 going into the third. The third period started with Kadin Card making a pass up to Aiden Perrott while getting tripped by a

Crusader player but before the refs could make the call Perrott scored his second goal and the score was 5-0. Halfway through Addison Carr scored his second goal of the game and then scored his hat trick goal with three minutes left and made the final score 7-0. Taylor Consack saved 27 shots on his first shutout of the season! Way to go, Taylor!

On Jan. 28 The Cottage Country Building Supplies/Ridgewood Ford Highland Storm atoms hosted the Durham Crusaders for the third playoff game. This game was a nail biter. The Storm were the first to put a goal on the scoreboard this goal was scored by Kadin Card. But the Crusaders answered back and at the end of the first period the score was 1-1. The second period both teams did not let up. The Crusaders scored their second goal, followed by their third. However Storm wasn't giving up. Addison Carr scored his first goal followed by his second and the game was tied 3-3. By now everyone was on the edge of their seat, just waiting to see who was going to be the first to score. And that team would be The Crusaders, but the Highland Storm wanted the win. So with five minutes left Avery Degeer wound up and shot the puck from the blue line, and scored right top corner to tie the game and with only a minute left Addison Carr scored his hat trick goal to win the game and advance his team into the next round of playoffs. Way to go, Aaron Neave, on a good game in net and Congratulations Cottage Country Building Supplies/Ridgewood Ford Highland Storm atoms on advancing into the next round.

Submitted by Amber Card

Midget girls first in eastern loop

The Bancroft I.D.A./Red Eagle Family Campground midget B girls hosted the gritty Keene Wolverines Sunday afternoon in Bancroft to wrap up their last regular season game. The Jets had already secured first place in their eastern loop and a first round bye in their league play-offs but still wanted to finish with a strong performance. A slow start by both squads kept the game close, and scoreless until late in the first period when Sara Switzer broke the goose egg tie with a low shot and deflection past the Keene tender. The Wolverines battled back and capitalized on some sloppy defensive play by the Jets in the second period and netted two markers to take a 2-1 lead. Bancroft continued their pressure on the Wolverines in third, trying to find an answer to the Keene net-minder. With just 0.1 seconds left on the clock, Danielle Sunstrum tied the game at 2-2 with a wrister that snuck through the Keene defence and past the Keene goalie. The tie gave the Jets a regular season record of 15-2-5, first place in their eastern loop and a first round bye in their league play-offs. The Jets will play the winner between Keene and Ennismore in their second round of league playoffs starting sometime after Feb. 19. Bancroft is also working on finalizing their provincial playdown schedule against Cold Creek, Ennismore and West Northumberland. Good

luck, Jets, in your second half of the season.

And a special good-bye to Ashley Challinor as she embarks on a student exchange to Spain. We wish you a wonderful experience! Send postcards and follow us online.

Submitted by Dan Marsden

Peewee girls undefeated

Leveque Brothers/Rock Breakers peewee girls finish the regular season undefeated with a 4-0 win over the Ennismore Eagles on Saturday. Having watched Ennismore greatly improve over their season the Jets had to be in game mode from the start. With three minutes left in the first period Elyse Ives opened the scoring for the Jets with a quick shot, assisted by Avery Coens. Before the period ended Olivia Villamere gave the Jets a two-goal lead going in to the second, assisted by Trista Young and Emily Alexander. With lots of pressure in the Eagles end the Jets kept coming hard and were not willing to let up. Peyton Armstrong scored a pair of goals to put the Jets up 4-0 going into the third, assists going to Coens, Ives and Alexander. Ennismore pressured back but Bella Smolen turned away their shots to secure herself the shutout for the last regular season game. The Jets get a bye for first round of playoffs and will await the winner of Cold Creek vs Lindsay but they will start their playdown games at home on Saturday Feb. 4 in Haliburton at 1 p.m. Come cheer the girls on as they drive for a berth in provincials.

Submitted by Melissa Armstrong

Midget A boys had strong season

The Highlander/Smolen Family Dentistry Storm midget A team played Game 3 of the first round of playoffs in Parry Sound Saturday, Jan. 28. This was a do-or-die game for the Storm and they played exactly like it was, but Parry Sound sealed the series with a 3-1 win.

The game began fast-paced and action-packed. The Storm team worked extremely hard offering some entertaining back-and-forth hockey. Luck just wasn't on their side and they gave up three goals, one in each period and all while killing off a penalty. The Storm team did everything they could to score and never gave up hope. Their efforts were clear, as they kept pushing. With nine seconds left in the game and series, Andrew Hall brought the puck into the Shamrocks' end and passed it to Owen Patterson-Smith. He moved in and went behind the net to attempt a wrap around, shot after shot, Matt Manning finally got it in with nine seconds left in the game. It was a respectable end to the series, with the Storm losing 3-1. A huge thanks to all the players for a great year, for some boys, it was their last year playing for Highland Storm. Thanks to the bench staff for all their time and effort, coach James Reilly, assistant coach Jamie Dollo, trainer Greg Turner, assistant trainer Monte Miscio, and manager Shannon Walker. Last, thanks to the parents for their time and dedication to the game of hockey and to their kids.

Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke

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The world comes to Haliburton Forest
 Above, the Canadian team were all smiles before the opening ceremonies at the 2017 International Federation of Sleddog Sports World Championships at Haliburton Forest on Monday, Jan. 23. The event was held from Jan. 24 to Feb. 1.
 Left, a dog team in sled sprint unlimited (at least 18 dogs) charges for the finishline after covering close to a 24 kilometre distance at the 2017 IFSS (International Federation of Sleddog Sports) World Championships at the Haliburton Forest on Tuesday, Jan. 24. The event was held from Jan. 24 to Feb. 1. There were close to 260 teams from 11 countries such as the US, Canada, Czech Republic, Germany, Finland, Norway, Sweden, France, Spain and Switzerland represented./
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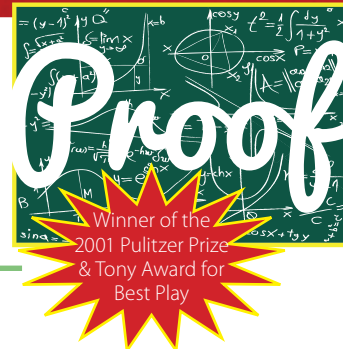
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Proof By David Auburn

On the eve of her 25th birthday, Catherine, a troubled young woman spent years caring for her brilliant but unstable father, a famous mathematician. Now, following his death, she must deal with her own volatile emotions; the arrival of her estranged sister, Claire; and the attentions of Hal, a former student of her father's. Over the long weekend that follows, a burgeoning romance and the discovery of a mysterious notebook draw Catherine into the most difficult problem of all: How much of her father's madness - or genius - will she inherit? **Performances July 17-21, 26-28.**



Jake's Gift By Julia Mackey

While revisiting the shores of Juno beach for the 60th Anniversary of the D-Day landings, World War II veteran Jake encounters Isabelle, a precocious 10-year-old from the local village. Her inquisitive nature and charm challenge the old soldier to make peace with his past. A multi-award winning tour-de-force, Jake's Gift uses the legacy of remembrance to make personal the story behind one soldier's memories. **Performances July 23 (2:30 matinee), 24-25.**

Three Men in a Boat by Jerome K Jerome

Three Men in a Boat is a stage adaptation of Jerome K. Jerome's classic 1889 British travelogue. Join our three intrepid bachelors Jay, George, and Harris as they spend a disastrous weekend punting up the river Thames. **Performances Aug 6 (2:30 matinee), 7 -8.**



Hilda's Yard By Norm Foster

One ordinary family. One extraordinary day. Set in 1956, Sam and Hilda Fluck are finally on their own after their children Gary and Janey leave the nest. Then, on a September morning, their world changes when Gary loses his job, is the target of gangsters and Janey leaves her husband only to find love again. A heart-warming and hilarious look back at a not so innocent time. **Performances July 31, Aug 1-4, 9-11.**

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Bowling scores

Red Wolves Bowling Scores for Jan. 18

1. Jason Kitchener 191
(personal best)
2. Casey Heley 174
3. Ross Anderson 166
4. Russell Whetstone 157
5. Kim Buie 147
Jason Cochrane 144

Monday, Jan. 23

Men

High average Claude Cote 212
High single Marty Schuster 252
High single handicap Marty Schuster 293
High triple Claude Cote 612
High triple handicap Marty Schuster 690

Ladies

High average Chris Cote 185
High single Chris Cote 239
High single handicap Chris Cote ,273
High triple Chris Cote 619
High triple handicap Chris Cote 721

Tuesday, Jan. 24

Men

High Average Ken Thompson 208

High Single Claude Cote 273
High Single H/C Claude Cote 291
High Triple Claude Cote 745
High Triple H/C Claude Cote 794

Women

High Average Chris Cote 193
High Single Rae Sheppard 210
High Single H/C Gala Newell 278
High Triple Chris Cote 522
High Triple H/C Lynda Weir 697

Friday, Jan. 27

Men

High average Claude Cote 199
High single Claude Cote 257
High single handicap Jim Griffith 283
High triple Ken Thompson 659
High triple handicap Ken Thompson 749

Ladies

High average Chris Cote 187
High single Chris Cote 316
High single handicap Barbara Cameron 377
High triple Chris Cote 668
High triple handicap Barbara Cameron 867

The stages of spiritual growth



Many of us grew up before the seatbelt laws.

If you were a guy, your girl sat so close to you she was nearly under you certainly right up in your grille.

If a gal was sitting next the passenger door either there was a breakdown in the relationship or they were just getting to know each other.

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In J.I. Packer's classic book *Knowing God* he uses two illustrations in understanding God.

The first; to a railway station standing on the platform watching trains coming and going. Here our vision and comprehension is limited.

Now let's go inside Central Station where we see a wall chart, we see tracks for five to 10 miles in every direction. We locate the trains by little lights. Now we understand why trains are started and stopped, why some are diverted and some sidetracked. The logic behind every movement is understood because we see the big picture. That's what God sees!

The second, to an automobile – we're learning to drive.

Our speed, our responses, our judgment are all being learned.

We're not concerned with why the road is crooked or narrow, why a van is parked on the side of the road. We're simply trying to make momentary decisions to do the right thing in the right situation. That's so much like life.

In 1 John 2: he speaks of stages in our spiritual growth. He says "dear children because your sins are forgiven" those still unlearned and needing instruction, often attaching themselves to a hero (i.e. 1 Corinthians) They are affected by feelings (vulnerable).

He says "young men because you overcome the evil one" from emotional attachment to knowledge, often take positions on issues. They are affected by doctrine and defend their position.

He says "fathers because you have known him" from emotional to doctrine to character – not parts but some of.

They are affected by worship, they want to know Him. That's ultimately where we want to be to know him.

That's my New Years resolution for 2017 and our new series at Minden Bible Church "Getting To Know God." David Johnson.

Minden United : Feb 5: 9 a.m. Joint United Church Pastoral Charge Worship Service at (Zion United Church in Carnarvon)

Feb. 9: 12 p.m. Diner's Club Seniors Dinner- 705-286-4376 (Minden United)

Feb. 14: 7:30 p.m. "Enviro-Cafe" Gord Laxer presents Pipelines, Tar Sands, and Saving our Climate. (Minden United) All Welcome!

Feb: 26: Sunday Service/ Joyful Noise Makers/Lunch Minden United.

Minden Bible: Sunday's at 10:30 a.m. New Series "Knowing God" Ron and Elaine Mahler leading worship David Johnson preaching.

Mid Week Life Groups Morning and Evening Groups Studying The Lord's Prayer.

St. Paul's Anglican: 10:30 a.m. Sunday Eucharist and Sunday School

Feb 4, 10 to 1 p.m. hair cutting by donation. for more info call 705-286-2541.

Feb. 25, Ham Dinner St. James' Kinmount. 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. (By donation)

Feb. 28, Pancake Supper St. James' Kinmount 5 to 7 p.m. (By donation)

(Lenten Lunches commence March 8)

Events

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Friday February 3rd : **INTRO TO SNOWSHOEING!**

11:00am-12:00pm

Meet at Scout Hall parking lot (behind the arena). No fee

Friday February 10th: **HIKE SNOWDON PARK!**

11:00am

Meet in the parking lot (off County Rd #1). No fee

Friday February 17th : **INTRO TO SNOWSHOEING!**

11:00am-12:00pm

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Here at the old farmhouse and I am sure in your homes there is deep sadness on learning of the tragic events in Quebec City. What until now has been like the song lyrics from the movie *Beaches* viewed "from a distance" has crossed the borders to home with the darkness of prejudice and hate challenging our Canadian beliefs and values. Sometimes to the individual it seems overwhelming but all each of us can do is reach out and extend a welcoming hand to everyone we meet and show a genuine willingness to find in each other how we are truly more the same than different. Today's children thankfully grow up in a multicultural society where daily spontaneous interactions occur be it in their family, neighbourhood, at school or through sports and other recreational activities. The song continues "From a distance you look just like my friend." Let's eliminate that distance and bring it within a handshake reach or better still a hug. Back in 1958 Bruce and I honeymooned in Quebec City spending New

Year's Eve on the toboggan slide in front of the Chateau. We had no idea that all bars and restaurants closed their doors to newcomers that particular night at 9 p.m. and welcomed in the New Year in our basic motel room over chips and non-alcoholic beverages along with a couple from Buffalo equally as disillusioned.

Tomorrow will see the month of January pass to February. There are several special days coming up in February and courtesy of editor Bill Lee's Kinmount United Church Newsletter mark your calendars for Thursday, Feb. 2 Groundhog Day, Saturday, Feb. 4 World Cancer Day, Sunday, Feb. 5 Super Bowl in Houston, Texas, Tuesday, Feb. 14 Valentine's Day, Wednesday, Feb. 16 National Flag Day, Monday and Feb. 20 Family Day.

Closer to home there will be a workshop titled Understanding Dementia on Monday, Feb. 13 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Kinmount Health Centre. For more information/registration please call the centre at 705-488-1105. The Friends of the Library group will hold its monthly book sale on Saturday, Feb. 18 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the lower level of the Kinmount Branch. Books are sold by donation and there is an exterior marked receptacle to leave any books being donated for the sale. On Saturday, Feb. 25 the Kinmount Community Centre

Management Board will host its Family Snowflake Ball from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Admission is free with the snack bar open by donation. The following day Sunday, Feb. 26 there's more family fun at Kinmount's annual Winterfest Watch for more details in the February edition of the *Kinmount Gazette* and in next week's column.

The Kinmount Artisans Marketplace on the lower level of the Community Centre has been closed for the month of January and will re-open on Saturday, Feb. 4 with open hours from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. I should add the rider weather permitting as the 2016 re-opening was delayed due to heavy snowstorms. All tasks including staffing are carried out on a volunteer basis and if in doubt call ahead to the marketplace at 705-488-1414 before heading out.

It is hard to believe that grandson Ben (Benjamin Jacob Morrow Fleury) will turn 13 years old on Feb. 4. I still remember waiting up for that welcome phone call early that morning. Now in Grade 7 Ben has many interests but his main one is hockey. He is a kind soul supportive of his many friends and we are delighted when he visits although the hockey schedule keeps him very busy.

Until next week keep busy and well. They go together.

by Patti Fleury

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Jan. 23 contract bridge at Stanhope: The high scoring quartet members were Ross Fletcher 5,280, Jackie Metcalf 4,760, Irena Zworska 4,640 and Mary Johnson 4,320 with Alek Zworski awarded the Lucky Loonie.

Jan. 24 contract bridge at Minden United Church: Nancy Ballantyne reports that Billie Shyler led at 3,910 with Gerald Bergin next at 3,680 and Patti Walshe third at 3,650.

Jan. 24 Minden Seniors bid euchre at Minden Legion: Leading ladies were Muriel McIntosh 254, Pat Norman 201, Theresa Deak 200 and our reporter Betty Wagar 198. First for the gents at 281 was Doug McIntosh followed by Tom Grix 257, Howard Smith 231 and Jesse Barlow 217. Pat Norman won the major draw with Diane Wigley and Betty Wagar [2] claiming the smaller prizes while moonshots landed on Howard Smith and Doug McIntosh.

Jan. 24 euchre at Lochlin Community Centre: Holding the most lone hands was Irene McDowell with Shirley Davis high lady and Linda Schrader low. Top marks for the gents went to Tom Grix with Neil Darby low man while Harold Harvie took home the special prize. Thanks to our interim reporter Helen Burk for this news.

Jan. 24 Mixed Shuffleboard at Stanhope Firehall: At 361 Margaret Oetelaar and George Hamilton claimed top spot with Connie Sawyer and Bev Kerr next at 347. In third place at 311 were Jean Randell and John Kerr while June Miller partnered with Irene Murphy posted the afternoon's low score of 128.

Jan. 25 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Playing Howell in first place were Irena and Alek Zworski 56 percent followed by Jackie Metcalf and Bruce Armstrong 55 percent, Ross Davies and Rod Smyth 54 percent and Ross Fletcher partnered with Mary Johnson 51 percent.

Jan. 26 euchre at Minden Legion: Holding the most lone hands were our reporter Tom Grix and Reg Coulter with Bev Alexander and James Bastedo recording the high scores. The

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evening's lows went to Yvonne Arbuthnot and Brian Haslam with Cheryl O'Dell, Pearl Cowen. Doreen Haslam and Doug McIntosh taking home the other prizes.

Jan. 26 bid euchre at Minden Community Centre: For the ladies Muriel McIntosh led at 316 then our reporter Bev Johnson 278, Donna Darby 264 and Pearl Cowen 247. First for the gents at 300 was Dwaine Lloyd with Neil Darby next at 284, Jesse Barlow 273 third and Kevin Maloney 271 fourth. Doug McIntosh held the hidden score, Neil Darby

won the card draw and Al McMullen call 1. In the moonshot department Ron Morrison, Bruce Metcalf and Clare Obdam had singles while John Kerr doubled.

Jan. 27 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Top marks went to our bridge reporter Muriel McIntosh at 64 percent then Peter O'Connor partnered with Steve Foster 63 percent, Irena and Alek Zworski 59 percent and Helen Baker teamed with Ross Fletcher 56 percent.

Jan. 27 euchre at Staanworth Court, Minden: With apologies to our faithful reporter Shirley Howe my "shorthand" scribbles have failed me so this is a list of the winners Myra

Bronson, Bev Johnson and Doreen Francis with Ellen Holden claiming the special prize.

Jan. 30 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: At 278 Gala Newell led the scoring with Frank Franzen 202 second and Pearl Cowen 199 third. Jesse Barlow won the draw with Diane Wigley and Frank Franzen taking the moonshots. Thanks to Rose Isaacson for this news.

Jan. 30 euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Winning for high hands was our reporter Sherin Brown, for both lone hands and the special prize Albert Foster and for low hands Eileen Shepstone.

Notice



Employment Opportunities

1. Summer Students - Minden Hills Cultural Centre "MHCC"

The Minden Hills Community Services Department is currently accepting resumes for three (3) summer student (Heritage Interpreters) positions for a 16 week period from effective May 9 to August 26, 2017.

These positions provide support and assistance to the Curators of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, enacting time period activities and delivering children's activities, supporting the Art Gallery, Museum, Heritage Village and Nature's Place programming.

This position is based on a 35-hour work week, Tuesday to Saturday, 9:00am-4:30pm, ½ hour unpaid lunch. The rate of pay is \$11.40 per hour, pending 2017 budget and grant funding approval.

Students must be between the ages of 16-30 and returning to school in the fall. Preference will be given to those with experience in art history, museum studies, environmental studies or museum/gallery administration or related combination.

2. Summer Students – "Parks"

The Minden Hills Community Services Department is currently accepting resumes for two (2) summer student positions effective from May 8 to August 25, 2017.

These positions provide support and a variety of maintenance operations for the Community Services Department.

This position is based on a 40-hour work week, involving variable shifts. The rate of pay is \$11.40 per hour, pending 2017 budget and grant funding approval.

Students must be between the ages of 16-30 and returning to school in the fall. Preference will be given to those with experience in lawn care, gardening painting, cleaning, or related combination.

Vulnerable Sector Checks are required for either position. Job postings and Position Descriptions can be obtained from www.mindenhills.ca, or by contacting the Deputy Clerk/Administrative Assistant at 705-286-1260 ext. 313 or at sprentice@mindenhills.ca.

Please submit your letter of application together with a detailed resume of education and experience by 12:00 noon, local time, **Monday, March 6, 2017 to:**

Employment Opportunity – Summer Students
(please label with either "MHCC" or "Parks" on the envelope)

Clerk's Office, 2nd floor
Township of Minden Hills
7 Milne St, PO Box 359
Minden, ON K0M 2K0

Attention: Mark Coleman, Director of Community Services

Fax: 705-286-4917 - Email: sprentice@mindenhills.ca - Website: www.mindenhills.ca

If you are contacted by the Township of Minden Hills regarding a job opportunity or testing, please advise if you require accommodation. Information received relating to accommodation needs of applicants will be addressed confidentially.

Persons with a disability preventing them from applying on-line should contact the undersigned to discuss alternative solutions.

We thank all applicants for applying, but only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. Personal information and supporting material is used in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Karma yoga returns

DORSETNEWS

Melissa Alfano
705-766-0076
malfano@hotmail.ca

Congratulations to Charlie Scott-Field who was the inaugural first Inductee into the Cambridge Youth Soccer Hall of Fame. Charlie was presented with this prestigious Award on Jan. 22 at the Club's Annual General Meeting. The Inscription on the award reads: "For a lifetime of outstanding loyalty and commitment to Cambridge Youth Soccer and helping shape the local soccer community". Charlie was also presented with the Muskoka Sports Personality of the Year in 2013. Way to go Charlie! Charlie and his lovely wife Carol live on Kawagama Lake in Dorset.

Cait Love (Hutt) returns to the Dorset Recreation Centre on Mondays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. with her Karma Yoga Class starting on Feb. 6. The class will focus on increasing flexibility and strength, while working with the breath to calm the mind and bring peace to the whole body. Cait's class is suitable for all levels. Please bring your own mat if you have one. There will be a limited number of mats offered. Wear warm, comfortable clothing that is easy to move in and bring a blanket if you wish. The

fee for the class is by donation, pay what you can. For more information, contact Cait at cait@theopenspace.co or 705-783-3231.

You're invited to come out to the last Dorset Snowball meeting before the big weekend. The meeting is on Tuesday, Feb. 7 at 7 p.m. and this is the meeting where we fill in the gaps. If you have an hour or two to spare on Saturday, Feb. 18, come on out to this meeting and see if there is anything you can help with at the carnival. There are lots of indoor and outdoor opportunities to help. All are welcome! Visit www.dorsetsnowball.com or call the Dorset Rec Centre at 705-766-9968 for more information.

The Baysville Horticulture Society invites all to their pot luck luncheon on Thursday Feb. 9 starting at noon at the Seniors' Centre in Baysville, 12 University Ave. June McDonald will show participants how to make a chocolate rose and Jean MacInnis will show participants how to force "paper white" (daffodil) bulbs. All are asked to please bring a medium sized non porous bowl/container and either stones, glass beads or marbles (extra will be on hand if you need them). "The Hort" will supply each of participant with three bulbs. Everyone is welcome and even encouraged to bring a friend! The luncheon and activities are free for members and memberships are available for \$5. "The Hort" is also looking for interesting speakers to come and speak to the group in the fall (the spring calendar is full). If you have an interesting topic you are passionate about and would be willing to speak to the group, please contact Jean MacInnis at jeanjohnmacinnis@gmail.com or 705-766-0144.

Pioneer Memorial United Church is celebrating 125 years of faith and community on Sunday Feb. 12 at 10:30 a.m. at 2370 Hwy 60, Hillside. All are welcome to "Come and hear how it was and how it is" followed by lunch for \$1.25.

Happy Birthday to Nathan Jones and Ryan Flynn. If you have items or birthdays for the Dorset News, please send them along to malfano@hotmail.ca



Township of Algonquin Highlands Requires a CLERK

The Township of Algonquin Highlands with a permanent population of 2,000 and a seasonal population exceeding 10,000 is known within Central Ontario as an area of natural beauty where residents enjoy a rural lifestyle second to none.

The Township of Algonquin Highlands is seeking applications from experienced, qualified persons for the position of Clerk. Reporting to the C.A.O., and as a member of the Senior Management Team, the Clerk will perform a wide variety of functions including the statutory and advisory duties of Clerk as set forth in applicable provincial legislation.

The preferred candidate will possess the following qualifications:

- Five (5) years' experience in a municipal management position.
- A degree or diploma in Political Science, Public Administration or related discipline is preferred. A related mix of education and experience may be considered.
- A.M.C.T., CMM or CMO designation is preferred.
- Working knowledge of the *Municipal Act, Elections Act, Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* and other legislation related to municipal governance.
- Significant demonstrated management experience and understanding of local government and municipal administration.
- Excellent interpersonal, project/time management, organizational, analytical, communication and presentation skills.
- Experience with municipal elections is preferred.
- Strong computer skills and working knowledge of Microsoft Office Suite.

Salary Range: \$68,541.28 - \$77,143.72 (35 hours/week)

The Township of Algonquin Highlands is an equal opportunity employer. In accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, the information gathered will be used solely for the purpose of job selection. We thank all applicants; however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Visit our website at www.algonquinhighlands.ca for the full job description.

Please submit your resume and cover letter in confidence by:
3:00 pm on Friday, February 17, 2017 to:

Angie Bird, C.A.O.
Township of Algonquin Highlands
1123 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands, ON K0M 1J1
Email: abird@algonquinhighlands.ca



NOTICE

Adoption of 2017 Budget

Council for the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to enact a by-law to adopt the 2017 Municipal Budget. Notice is hereby provided that a public meeting will be held on February 13, 2017. The meeting commences at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers, 1101 Holmes Road, Wilberforce, Ontario.

For details regarding the 2017 municipal budget please contact the CAO/Treasurer, Shannon Hunter at 705-448-2981 ex. 231 or e-mail shunter@highlandseast.ca

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Monday, September 8, 1997

Fruit trees entice bear into town

by Jerry Grozelle

Forget the beware of dog sign, Minden resident Grace Dixon should have had a beware of bear sign in the front yard. A yearling black bear decided to dine on the cherries in the tree in her front yard on North Water Street September 3. Ed Pergolas, who lives near the end of North Water Street, reported seeing a bear later the same day.

Sightings of black bears throughout the area have been much higher than usual this summer. Bart Hilhorst, a resources technician with the Ministry of Natural Resources, says he has received about 70 reports of bear sightings since late May.

"It has been pretty steady all summer long," Hilhorst said.

He noted that bear sightings early in the summer are not uncommon, but by this time of year, the number of sightings usually decreases dramatically.

"They go wherever there's food," Hilhorst said, adding, "There were no berries this year."

Hilhorst said it was a dry summer so the crop of natural food such as blueberries, raspberries, thimble berries and others was virtually nonexistent. Being opportunists, bears turn to where food is available and if that happens to be a cherry tree in someone's front yard, or a garbage container behind the house, some black bears aren't shy about their eating habits.

Back yard garden sheds and roadside containers won't deter a hungry bear. With a keen sense of smell, a bear can smell garbage from quite a distance.

Hilhorst said there have been no serious encounters between bears and people, but he warns that a sow with cubs can be very dangerous.

"You have to have a lot of respect for these animals; they are very powerful."

By plotting the location of calls, he has been able to follow the course a particular bear has taken.

"It's amazing the number of bears I've been able to track just by telephone calls," Hilhorst said.

Over the course of the summer, nine bears have been live trapped and relocated as far as 30 to 40 miles from where they were caught. But Hilhorst said it isn't unusual for an animal to make its way back to its home territory -- especially an older bear. Younger bears, he said, are more likely to remain in the area where they are released.

A bear was live-trapped in Kinmount last week.

Hilhorst says he hasn't been forced to destroy any bears this season, but he knows of at least three nuisance bears that have been killed by property owners.

"Nobody wants to see them get killed," he said. "The sightings aren't because there are more bears, it's just because they are more visible this year."



Bear with us

Clambering through the upper reaches of a cherry tree in search of food, a yearling bear, above, surveyed the spectators, left, who gathered to watch him dine last Wednesday.

See page five for some tips on avoiding black bear encounters and what to do if you should meet one.

Local DHC will be amalgamated with Durham

by Jack Brezina

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Council (HKPRDHC) was caught off guard by an announcement Thursday that the four-county health service co-ordinating body would be forced to merge with the Durham Region District Health Council. In-coming chair of the local council, Doris Brick of Ennismore, said she was upset and angry about the unexpected announcement and intended to fight the issue.

"This is not good news for our district," Brick said in an interview on Friday. "The area we serve has nothing in

common with Durham. While HKPRDHC is most rural, the Durham region is GTA- (Greater Toronto Area) oriented. Combining the two just doesn't make any sense."

The Thursday announcement by the Ministry of Health was part of a province-wide move to reduce the number of DHCs from 33 to 14. The six DHCs within the central east region were reduced to three. The other two will combine Simcoe and York; and Metro Toronto and Peel DHCs.

The incoming chair is not only concerned about the difference between Durham and HKPR. Brick noted that the local council has been working to

create an integrated district-wide health care system. Much of that effort has been focused on the redevelopment of the two hospitals in Peterborough and the alignment of outlying hospitals with this concept in mind. "Many of our plans are just starting to come together," Brick said. "We have just completed the hospital restructuring study for Peterborough in anticipation of the visit of the provincial restructuring commission. This latest announcement changes the basis on which those plans were created."

Brick pointed out the District Health Council wasn't just working on hospital planning. "We have been addressing all

sectors of health services, emergency, mental health, in-home services, support services, healthy community initiatives, co-ordinating community-wide health service integration such as the Haliburton County model or Coburg/Port Hope effort. What happens to all these, many rural-based, initiatives," she asked, "when they become part of this larger DHC?" Answering her own question, she suggested that many of them will become "lost" as the concerns for the urban issues capture the attention of the board members. She expressed concern as well for the many volunteers across the district who have

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If you are interested in joining our team for the above positions, please submit your resume in confidence by Sunday, February 5, 2017 to:

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Experience and Qualifications

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- Have at least 2 years bookkeeping experience or demonstrate the capacity to be trained and have experience in budget procedures;
- Show proficiency in the use of Microsoft Office, including Word and Excel;
- Be able to learn job-specific software applications;
- Be required to work at least one evening per month;
- Possess a valid driver's licence and use of a vehicle;
- Obtain a satisfactory Vulnerable Sector Check.

Relevant post-secondary education will be an asset.

Resumes, including cover letters, will be received by email at: hchc@on.aibn.com up to 4 p.m. on February 17, 2017.

A detailed job description will be made available by email upon request.

Haliburton Community Housing Corporation is committed to fair and accessible employment practices. Upon request, disabilities will be accommodated during the interview and assessment process. Haliburton Community Housing Corporation thanks all those who show interest in this position and advises that only those chosen to be interviewed will be contacted.

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520 THANK YOU



Thank You
Our family wishes to express our heartfelt appreciation for the kindness and excellent care our mother, Dorothy McElwain, received at home and during her recent hospitalization in the Haliburton Hospital Palliative Care Unit.
Of course we are very saddened by her death but we are comforted in knowing she received the best care available.
The sensitivity and support of the home caregivers and the hospital staff helped us through our difficult times.
Our sincere appreciation to all who worked with Mom.

540 VOLUNTEERS



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NOTICE OF RENOVATION WORK
The Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) would like to notify the community that there will be significant renovation work underway from January 23 to March 31, 2017 at both the Haliburton and Minden facilities (excluding Hyland Crest and Highland Wood).
We apologize for any inconvenience; however, we do not anticipate any interruption to service.



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We think of you in silence
We often speak your names
All we have are memories
And your pictures in a frame
Your memory is our keepsake
With which we'll never part
God has you in his keepings
We have you in our hearts"

Love Mom & Family

650 OBITUARIES

Hugh Vasey

We are sad to announce the passing of Hugh Vasey on January 28, 2017 in his eighty-first year, after being hospitalized for a brief illness.



He was a tender and loving brother, husband, father, grandfather and friend to all those he met. After graduating from Ryerson, Hugh enjoyed a long career with BA/Gulf Canada. He was also active in the Lions Club, Probus, Cooksville United Church and thoroughbred racing with his brother Gary. Amongst a wide list of sports he happily played, coached and followed, curling and the Toronto Blue Jays were his favourites.

He leaves behind his wife Beverly, daughters Kitty and Colleen, grandchildren James, Matthew, Christian and Clare and son-in-laws Jeff and Michael. He is predeceased by his parents Mark and Carrie and brother Gary. He will be sadly missed by his brother Glen.

Friends called the Turner & Porter, Peel Chapel (2180 Hurontario St.), Mississauga, on Wednesday from 6-9 pm. A funeral service was held at Cooksville United Church (2500 Mimosa Row), Mississauga, on Thursday, February 2, 2017 at 2 pm. In lieu of flowers, please feel free to donate to Parkinson Canada (www.parkinson.ca) in his memory. Hugh was a good man who enjoyed life's simple pleasures. Condolences can be made through

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650 OBITUARIES

GRAESSER, Richard Eric Peter Maddock

At Peterborough Regional Health Center, on Saturday, January 28, 2017, at the age of 74.

Beloved husband and friend for 54 years of Carolynne (nee Berry). Cherished father of Cynthia "Tammy" (Bob) Pepper, Angela Fisher, and Richard "Rick" (Vicky). Predeceased by daughter Lisa. Much loved grandfather of Sarah, Heather, Conor, Kaitlynne, and Racheal, he will also be missed by his many nieces and nephews. Son of late Frederick and Nora (nee Millen) Graesser. Brother of Mary Beattie, and the late Margaret Roberts. Richard's vast interest, curiosity and passion for life will be remembered by the numerous people whose lives he touched. Friends may call at the Turner & Porter Butler Chapel, 4933 Dundas St. W. at Burnhamthorpe Rd. on Wednesday, February 1, 2017 from 7 - 9 p.m. and Thursday, February 2, 2017 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Funeral Service will be held in the Chapel at 1 p.m. on Thursday February 2, 2017. Interment immediately following service at Park Lawn Cemetery. A memorial gathering will be held in Haliburton at a later date. For those who wish, memorial donations may be made to Haliburton Highlands Health Services (Hospital). Online condolences may be made through

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650 OBITUARIES

In Loving Memory of

Nancy D. Cook

February 20th, 1925 - January 28th, 2017.

Passed away suddenly on January 28th at St Michael's Hospital, Toronto as the result of an accidental fall at home.

Devoted wife of Robert (Bob) who predeceased her in 2013, Loving mother of her only son Alan Robert, mother-in-law to Diane, grandmother of Nicole, Alex and Lauren (Mike Ryder). Cherished great grandmother to Claire and Avery. Dear sister of Barbara Harrington of Wales, beloved aunt to Linda, Sandra, Phillip and great aunt to Simon and Michael.

Nancy was a dear friend to many in the community. Nancy came to Canada as a war bride in 1944 after meeting the love of her life in England. From the moment she set foot in Canada she proudly identified herself as a proud Canadian. She will be greatly missed.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Friday, February 3, 2017 from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm. Cremation has taken place.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the St. Michael's Hospital Foundation or to the Minden Health Care Auxiliary would be appreciated.



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In Loving Memory of

James (Jim) Douglas Malcomson

B. ScF; MA, education.

Jim passed peacefully at the age of 80 surrounded by family on January 22, 2017.

Loving and devoted husband of Eleanor for 55 years. Awesome daddy of Nancy (Elliott) and her husband Michael and Sherryl (Crompton) and her husband Andrew. Doting Grandfather of Tristan and Rachael (Crompton) and Alex (Elliott). Fondly remembered by his brother Alden and by all of his nieces and nephews.

Jim spent much of his youth out west planting trees and fighting fires, and earned a Bachelors of Forestry at the University of Toronto. He then went on to get his Masters in Education at Michigan State University and became a teacher of science and math specializing in guidance counselling. He is also a past Grand Master of the Sayer Masonic Lodge in Mimico. He loved singing and performing. Jim touched many lives in the classroom, at the church and at his true home, the cottage.

A Memorial Service to celebrate Jim's Life will be held at the Zion United Church, East Rd., Carnarvon, Ontario K0M 1J0 on Saturday, February 4, 2017 beginning at 11:00 am. Reception will follow in the Education Centre at the Church. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427 Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



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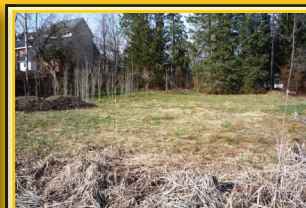
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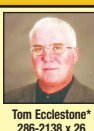
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- Fully licensed, excellent location
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- Community Facility potential
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- Beautiful decks and a screened-in room
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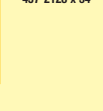
- Nicely renovated 3BR cottage with year round access
- 2-Lake chain, miles of boating, sunset views

**South Lake Building Lot \$269,000**

- Features quiet dead end road & sandy shoreline
- Also includes hydro right at the lot & a septic

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- 200 acre lot on Township Road outside of Minden
- 50 acre pine plantation, 50 acre open field, plus 100 back acres

**Maple Lake \$249,000**

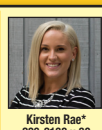
- Cozy 2 bedroom starter cottage w/ sunroom
- Large lake view, right on the water's edge
- Fix it up & have an ideal waterfront cottage

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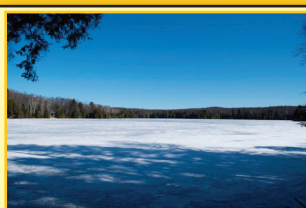
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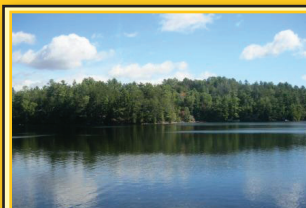
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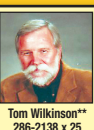
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- 3 Bed ranch bungalow, LR, DR, Country Kitchen

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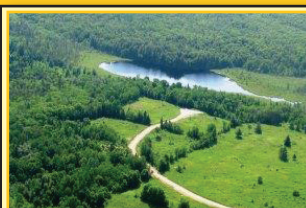
- Prime Waterfront Lot on Year Round Road
- Gently sloping, Hydro and Telephone @ Lot Line

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- 4 bedroom, 3 baths, Close to Minden
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